

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1154

By Wilder

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Reuben Scott Rhea, Sr.,
of Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Reuben "Rube" Scott Rhea, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rhea was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Fayette County High School, Rube Rhea continued his education at the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, willing to sacrifice his personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, Mr. Rhea retired from the United States Air Force as a veteran of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Rube Rhea later served with acumen and alacrity as the owner of Rhea Oil Company for forty-three years, in which position he led the business to numerous successes; and

WHEREAS, a valuable member of his community and profession, Mr. Rhea served as Director for the First State Bank in Somerville and was a longtime member of the Tennessee Oil Marketers Association; he was also the Director for the National Field Trials at Grand Junction; and

WHEREAS, Rube Rhea was an active and devout member of the Somerville First Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully for many years as an Elder; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rhea was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Rube Rhea enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Suzanne Marshall Rhea; his son and daughter-in-law, Reuben Scott Rhea, Jr., and Margaret Ann; his five

grandsons and their wives, Reuben Scott Rhea III and Holly, Bo Rhea and Rebecca, Gordon Matthews Rhea and Kristin, Olen Jourdan Rhea, and Joshua Harris Rhea and Kathryn; and his six great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rhea was preceded in death by his parents, William A. Rhea and Jessie Scott Rhea, his wife, Whitney Burnette Rhea, his son, Boyd B. Rhea, and his brother, William A. Rhea; and

WHEREAS, Rube Rhea leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Reuben Scott Rhea, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Rhea.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.